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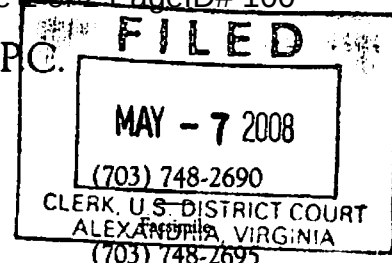
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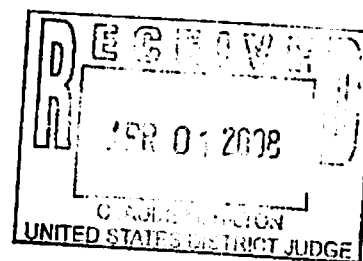
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***Via Hand Delivery***

Honorable Claude M. Hilton  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of Virginia  
Alexandria Division  
Judge's Chambers  
401 Courthouse Square  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314-5799



**Re: *Frazier v. Aerojet Corporation***  
**Civil Action No. 1:07cv513**

Dear Judge Hilton:

The purpose of this letter is to explain why I did not attend the Final Pretrial Conference in this case on March 20, as I do not want my failure to appear to be seen as demonstrating a lack of respect for the Court and its procedures.

Toward the end of the discovery period, the Plaintiff's attorney died suddenly and unexpectedly of a heart attack. I had previously noticed the deposition of the Plaintiff, but I withdrew the notice so that the Plaintiff, Mr. Frazier, could obtain new counsel, which he advised me he was attempting to do.

Because of the approaching discovery cutoff, however, I filed a motion asking that the period be extended. In open court on Friday, March 14, Judge Poretz granted the motion and stated that a "new scheduling order will be issued" the following week, and that it would postpone all deadlines in the case, probably for approximately three months.

Because Judge Poretz stated explicitly that "a new scheduling order will be issued," Mr. Frazier and I believed that the Final Pretrial Conference date set in the "old" scheduling order no longer applied, and that the Final Pretrial Conference would therefore not go forward on March 20. I therefore was very surprised when I received electronic notification of a docket entry on March 20 indicating that the Final Pretrial Conference had indeed occurred on that day.

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to clarify this.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Mark Dare', written in a cursive style.

R. Mark Dare

cc: David Frazier